

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 and cancelled claim 7. Claims 1-6, 8-22 and 24-33 remain pending.

Amendment After Notice of Allowance of Claim 1 Addresses Formal Matters Only

The amendments to claim 1 addresses formal matters only.

The limitations of claim 7 have been added to claim 1. Thus, the amendments to claim 1 do not change claim scope. Accordingly, the Primary Examiner has authority to enter this amendment, after notice of allowance, without forwarding to the Supervisory Patent Examiner for approval. MPEP 714.16.

Because this amendment addresses formal matters only, this amendment is not being used for continued prosecution. In particular: 1) No additional search is required. MPEP 714.16.I. 2) At most, a cursory review of the record if necessary. Id. 3) The amendment would not involve materially added work on the part of the Office, e.g., the amendment would not involve checking excessive editorial changes in the specification or claims. Id.

Thus, Applicants request that the Examiner indicate approval of the amendment as concerning formal matters only by writing "Enter Formal Matter Only" thereon, or similar indication. MPEP 714.16.II.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and thereby solicit acceptance of the claims as now stated.

Applicants would welcome an interview, if the Examiner is so inclined. The undersigned can ordinarily be reached at his office at (650) 712-0340 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. PST, Monday through Friday, and can be reached at his cell phone at (415) 902-6112 most other times.

Fee Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge underpayment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0869 (MLSE 1035-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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